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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-15

Claims 1-8 relate to an electrode comprising a collector and an electrode layer which is disposed on the collector and contains an active material, wherein an average thickness of the collector and the electrode layer ranges from 5-30 μ m and a maximum thickness for the collector and the electrode layer is not more than 105 % of a minimum thickness of the collector and the electrode layer.

Claims 9-15 relate to a battery comprising an electrode of claim 1.

2. claims: 16-29

Claims 16-26 relate to a method of manufacturing an electrode comprising forming an electrode layer by adopting an inkjet method in which a liquid containing an active material is ejected in the form of many particles to adhere the particles to the base material.

Claims 27-29 relate to a method of manufacturing a battery comprising a negative and a positive electrode of claim 16.

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